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For: OFF-AXIS DIFFRACTIVE BEAM SHAPERS AND SPLITTERS FOR

REDUCING SENSISTIVITY TO MANUFACTURING TOLERANCES

## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 DUE DATE: 8 January 2004

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 8 September 2004 the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.